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- 1. AS CLARIFICATION OF PARA 3 REFTEL, VEHICLE WHICH STRUCK AND KILLED GREEK CYPRIOT YOUTH (BOY NOT GIRL) WAS BRITISH ARMORED ASSIGNED TO BRITISH CONTINGENT TO UNFICYP WHICH WAS ESCORTING UN LANDROVER. BURNING OF TWO BRITISH VEHICLES IN TROODOS WAS REPORTEDLY CAUSED BY CYPRIOT GIRL BEING STRUCK AND SLIGHTLY INJURED BY BRITISH VEHICLE. BRITISH SAY THEY ARE NOT CONCERNED OVER POSSIBILITY THAT TROODOS AREA WILL BE SCENE OF MAJOR TROUBLE. HOWEVER, WE RECEIVED ANONYMOUS TELEPHONE CALL WHICH WARNED THAT BRITISH RADAR STATION THERE WOULD BE BLOWN UP. HICOM INFORMED.
- 2. HICOM CONSULAR SECTIOMUF ON THIRD FLOOR OF OFFICE BUILDING ON GRIVAS AVENUE, RECEIVED THIRTY ROUNDS OF AUTOMATIC FIRE AT APPROX 2300 HOURS LOCAL, ACCORDING TO POLICE.

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3. BRITISH STILL PLAN TO GO AHEAD WITH EVACUATION TOMORROW.

SOURCE OF PRIME WORRY IS SECURITY OF ROAD FROM REFUGEE CAMPS TO AKROTIRI. THEY ARE LESS CONCERNED, WE GATHER, ABOUT SITUATION IN NICOSIA AND DHEKELIA.

4. CONSENSUS OF COUNTRY TEAM IS THAT BRITS ARE IN FOR MOST UNCOMFORTABLE WEEK, PROBABLY LONGER, AND THAT SOME OF THE GREEK CYPRIOT ANGER CAN EASILY SPREAD IN OUR DIRECTION. WE ARE TAKING APPROPRIATE PRECAUTIONS AND HAVE GOOD EARLY WARNING COVERAGE AROUND TOWN. TODAY'S MONITORING OF SPORADIC DEMONSTRATIONS BY OUR POLICE DETAIL WAS EXCELLENT. BIG QUESTION MARK OF COURSE IS WHETHER OR NOT GREEK CYPRIOTS WILL BE ABLE TO INTERFERE BY FORCE WITH ROAD TRANSPORT OF TURK CYPRIOTS TO AIRSTRIP. CYPRUS RADIO AND TELEVISION HAVE PLAYED TODAY'S EVENTS IN EMOTIONAL KEY AND WE EXPECT PASSIONS APLENTY DURING DEMONSTRATIONS HKE TOMORROW. BROWN

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